



COMMUNITY CONNECT

NEWSLETTER FOR EAST GIPPSLAND
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

WELCOME!

This is a weekly newsletter that is being provided for East Gippsland Children, Young People & Families to provide information and ideas for support during social distancing.

SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK ABOUT IMPORTANT ISSUES IN EAST GIPPSLAND - We need your help!

The East Gippsland Partners in Violence Prevention Group is currently seeking feedback from residents about important issues in East Gippsland. The survey will only take around 15 minutes to complete. You will need to have an internet connection to be able to complete the survey. There are questions towards the end of the survey that you will be asked to listen to. If you have a poor internet connection you may have difficulty completing these questions and we apologise if you experience this. If you do get stuck at the audio point, your previous responses will still be included and are valuable so we encourage you to complete what you can. We really appreciate your help in completing the survey and passing it onto colleagues, friends and family in East Gippsland.

Thank you for your support. <http://survey-au.dynata.com/survey/selfserve/53b/2008240?list=0&w=1&c=19>

SHAPE THE FUTURE RESPONSE TO BUSHFIRE – BUSHFIRE RECOVERY WORKING GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you aged 12-24 and currently living in rural and regional part of eastern Victoria which was impacted by the 2020 fires? Are you passionate about your community and supporting those around you? Are you interested in developing and supporting opportunities for young people to be included in the recovery, and rebuilding process?

Participate in six two hour online meetings between October 2020 and May 2021. There will also be extra opportunities for members of the working group to facilitate and lead local events. Training and support in facilitation and leading sessions will be supplied. This is a volunteer opportunity, where you'll be given a honorarium payment of \$35.00 per hour for your time preparing and attending meetings.

<https://www.yacvic.org.au/get-involved/are-you-12-to-25/bushfire-recovery-working-group/>



ONLINE WELLBEING SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

The Victorian Government is helping parents and carers manage home learning and stay resilient during the coronavirus pandemic by providing a range of free online resources. A session is being hosted on Tuesday 15th of September aimed at providing parents and carers with practical skills, knowledge and strategies for managing the lockdown period and remote learning. The Government has also partnered up with Raising Children Network, introducing a 10 episode podcast called the 'Raising Leaners'. For more information visit:

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/online-wellbeing-support-families>

STICKVILLES/SPOONVILLES POPPING UP ACROSS EAST GIPPSLAND

Early years services, schools, organisations and community members have been making Stickville/Spoonville communities in locations across East Gippsland. This weeks challenge (details below) is to make a stick/spoon person and add it to an existing Stickville/Spoonville community. Or why not start your own if there isn't one in your town.

Lakes Entrance Preschool



The Hub,

corner Dalmahoy & Service Street, Bairnsdale



East Bairnsdale Community Hub,

24 Hoddinott Street, East Bairnsdale



Paynesville



WEEKLY CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE 21: MAKE A STICK/SPOON PERSON




This week's challenge is to make a stick/spoon person! You will need: A stick or spoon, things to decorate your stick/spoon – wool, material, buttons, sequins, googly eyes and glue/string/tape to stick decorations on

Once you have made your stick person, you can add it to one of the above Stickville/Spoonville communities or start your own and let us know where it is so that we can share it with other people.

Send a photo of your stick person to yun gla.zerbe@savethechildren.org.au or 0409 203 566, to be in the running for awesome prizes.



ONLINE RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES

	PRESCHOOLERS (0-4 years)	CHILDREN (5 – 12 Years)	YOUNG PEOPLE (13 – 18 Years)
ARTS & CRAFTS	Autumn Leaf Art https://youtu.be/SMOwcin2Em8 	Create an Exploding Volcano at Home https://youtu.be/yn00Hkde3OY 	Ceramic Workshop https://youtu.be/BkrM-kFzOdE 
PROGRAMS	Sing-a-Song with Angie Who https://www.kinderlingkids.com/show/s/sing-a-song/	NGV Kids At Home: Art Club With Bundit Puangthong https://www.together.vic.gov.au/ngv-kids-home-art-club-bundit-puangthong	Youth Fitness Timetable https://virtualy.ymca.org.au/youth-space/youth-timetable
STORIES	'Rainforest Feasts' Aussie Kids Book Read Aloud - with Carolyn Eldridge-Alfonzetti https://www.happinesshub.org.au/post/rainforest-feasts 'Gemma Riley and the Fashion Fiasco' - Kids Book Read Aloud with Jules Van Mil https://www.happinesshub.org.au/post/gemma-riley-and-the-fashion-fiasco-kids-book-read-aloud-with-jules-van-mil		
LEARNING @ HOME ACTIVITIES	Handwriting Skills for Children https://raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers/play-learning/learning-ideas/handwriting	Hidden Pictures https://www.highlightskids.com/games	Building Rush 2 https://www.coolmathgames.com/0-building-rush-2
COLOURING PAGES	Toys Colouring Pages https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/activities/colouring-in-pages/toys/image-gallery/2236346cc22c8f40edcf4a6536d91c1e?image=2	Space Colouring Pages https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/activities/colouring-in-pages/space/image-gallery/0601c8d75e00124936cb6b6b0512b3f2?image=2	Sugar Skull Colouring Page https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5511fc7ce4b0a3782aa9418b/t/55f1ed6ce4b0c7ddebba1cc31441918316596/free-sugar-skull-coloring-page-by-thaneeya.gif